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### STATE OF NEVADA



#### STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING August 23, 2017

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# **CALL TO ORDER:**

Noah Allison, Esq. called the meeting of the State Contractors Board to order at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2017, State Contractors Board, Henderson and Reno, Nevada. <u>Exhibit A</u> is the Meeting Agenda and <u>Exhibit B</u> is the Sign in Log.

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Mr. Noah Allison, Esq.

# **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Mr. Paul Rozario, Director of Investigations

Mr. George Lyford, Associate Director

Mr. Ron Lynn, Director of Operations

# **LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:**

Mr. Jack Juan, Esq.

Ms. Grein stated the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meeting law on August 17, 2017, at Paseo Verde Library, Sawyer State Building and Clark County Library. The agenda was also posted in both offices of the Board, Henderson and Reno and on the Board's Internet Website.

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: NOAH ALLISON, ESQ.

#### 1. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

# HERNANDEZ LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING, LLC, License No. 71149a

Licensee was present and represented by Steven Bus, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File.

Exhibit 2 – Seven (7) photos taken of the Clayton project by Board Investigator John Nolan on August 18, 2017.

The following Licensee Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit A – Respondent's Answer to the Board's Complaint dated June 26, 2017.

ALJ Allison found Respondent guilty one (1) violation of NRS 624.3017(1) substandard workmanship; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NRS 624.520(1) failure to

provide Residential Recovery Fund notice to owner; one (1) violation of NRS 624.302(6) failure to comply with a written request of the Board; and one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NAC 624.640(5) failure to include its license number and monetary license limit on its contracts. Homeowner was ordered to acquire two (2) to three (3) landscaping bids, take the lowest responsible bid and the Respondent will pay the contractor within ten (10) days of completion of the project. This matter was continued to October 18, 2017.

2. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from June 21, 2017 and July 19, 2017)

# NOW SERVICES OF NEVADA, LLC, dba PLUMBING REPAIR NOW, License No. 79139

Licensee was present but not represented by counsel at the hearing.

Exhibit 2 - The City of Las Vegas inspection report for the Santiago property.

ALJ Allison dismissed the Third Cause of Action.

# 3. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

# RAINBOW POOL CONSTRUCTION, INC., License No. 44600A

Licensee was present and represented by Leland Backus, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File.

The following Licensee Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit A – Respondent's Answer to the Board's Complaint dated July 25, 2017.

ALJ Allison found Respondent guilty of two (2) violations of NRS 624.301(5) failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract; two (2) violations of NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NAC 624.700(3)(a) failure to comply with Board's Notice to Correct; two (2) violations of NRS 624.301(1) abandonment of any construction project undertaken as a contractor; two (2) violations of NRS 624.301(2) abandonment of a construction project when the percentage completed is less than the percentage of total price of contract paid to contractor; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3014(2)(a) aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this chapter; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3011(1)(b)(1) violation of the building laws of the State; two (2) violations of NRS 624.3015(1) acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; one (1) violation of NRS 624.302(6) failure to comply with a written request by the Board; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(3) failure to establish financial responsibility; and one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NRS 624.520(1) failure to provide Residential Recovery Fund notice to owner. Respondent was assessed a fine of \$1,000.00 for each of the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Eleventh, Thirteen and Fourteenth Causes of Action; a fine of \$500.00 for each of the Second, Tenth and Twelfth Causes of Action; a fine of \$250.00 for the Ninth Cause of Action; a fine of \$100.00 for the Fifteenth Cause of Action for total fines of \$11,850.00 and investigative costs of \$2,576.00. License number 44600A, Rainbow Pool Construction, Inc. was revoked. Respondent is required to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund plus pay the fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure.

#### **4. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:**

VISION SOLAR CONTRACTOR, INC., License No. 49868

This matter was vacated.

# 5. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

REVCON, LLC, dba REVCON CONSTRUCTION, License Nos. 73824, 75703

Licensee was present and represented by David Ortiz, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File.

Exhibit 2 – Respondent's subpoena to Michael Liberty with attached documents.

The following Licensee Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit A – Respondent's Answer to the Board's Complaint dated June 2, 2017.

ALJ Allison dismissed the Sixth Cause of Action. This matter was continued to October 18, 2017.

# 6. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

# MICHAEL D. BELL, OWNER, dba GOLDEN BEAR CONSTRUCTION, License No. 37123

Licensee was present and represented by Justin Townsend, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 - Board Hearing File.

The following Licensee Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit A – Respondent's Answer to the Board's Complaint dated May 26, 2017.

ALJ Allison found Respondent guilty of one (1) violation of NRS 624.3015(1) acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3014(2)(b) combining or conspiring with an unlicensed person to perform an unauthorized act; and one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(5), as set forth in NAC 624.640(5) failure to include its license number and monetary license limit on its contracts. Respondent was assessed a fine of \$1,000.00 for the Second Cause of Action; a fine of \$500.00 for the Third Cause of Action; a fine of \$100.00 for the Fourth Cause of Action for total fines of \$1,600.00 and investigative costs of \$4,174.00. Fines and investigative costs are due within thirty (30) days of the August 23, 2017 hearing or license number 37123, Michael D. Bell, Owner, dba Golden Bear Construction shall be suspended. The Fifth Cause of Action was held in abeyance for thirty (30) days to allow Respondent the opportunity to provide a current compliant financial statement that supports the license limit. If Respondent provides the financial statement within thirty (30) days and it supports the license limit, the Fifth Cause of Action will be dismissed. If Respondent fails to provide the financial statement within thirty (30) days, license number 37123, Michael D. Bell, Owner, dba Golden Bear Construction shall be suspended. The First Cause of Action was held in abeyance to allow both parties to either enter into a settlement agreement or arbitration. Status update in six (6) months. If there is no settlement agreement or arbitration has not been entered into, the First Cause of Action will be dismissed.

# 7. DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

#### ADDISON LANDSCAPING, INC., License No. 46744A

Licensee was present and represented by Georlen Spangler, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File.

The following Licensee Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit A – Respondent's Answer to the Board's Complaint dated July 25, 2017.

Exhibit B – Respondent's Exhibit List 1 – 97.

This matter is held in abeyance until such time as a decision has been reached regarding the Chapter 40 lawsuit. Respondent's attorney shall provide updates to the Board every six (6) months and notify the Board upon the conclusion of the Chapter 40 lawsuit. Respondent's monetary license limit was lowered to \$50,000.00.

### **8. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS: DEFAULT ORDERS**

# a. ADVANCE LIGHTING & SIGN, dba ADVANCE SIGN COMPANY, License No. 81089

Licensee was present but not represented by counsel at the hearing.

ALJ Allison continued this matter to September 20, 2017.

# b. PRIORITY CORPORATE GROUP, LLC, License No. 78564

Licensee was present and represented by Leah Martin, Esq. at the hearing.

The following Agency Exhibits were entered:

Exhibit 1 – Board Hearing File.

ALJ Allison found Respondent guilty of four (4) violations of NRS 624.3016(1) any fraudulent or deceitful act committed in the capacity of a contractor; three (3) violations of NRS 624.3014(1)(a) acting in the capacity of a contractor under any license issued except in the name of the licensee as set forth upon the license; two (2) violations of NRS 624.3012(2 failure to pay any money when due; two (2) violations of NRS 624.302(6) failure to comply with a written request by the Board; one (1) violation of NRS 624.302(5) failure to respond to a written request from the Board; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(4) failure to keep in force the bond for the full period required by the Board; and one (1) violation of NRS 624.3013(3) failure to establish financial responsibility. Respondent was assessed a fine of \$250.00 for each the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Causes of Action for total fines of \$3,500.00 and investigative costs of \$4,310.00. Fines and investigative costs are due within thirty (30) days of the August 23, 2017 hearing. License number 78564, Priority Corporate Group, LLC was suspended for thirty (30) days to allow Respondent the opportunity to complete its current project. After thirty (30) days license number 78564, Priority Corporate Group, LLC shall be revoked. Respondent is required to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund plus pay the fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure.

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: JACK JUAN, ESQ.

9. DISCIPLINARY HEARING: (Continued from December 14, 2016, February 15, 2017, April 19, 2017, June 21, 2017)

#### T. L. TOWNSEND BUILDERS, LLC, dba TOWNCO CONSTRUCTION GROUP, License No. 79651

Licensee was present and represented by AJ Kung, Esq. at the hearing.

ALJ Juan found Respondent guilty of one (1) violation of NRS 624.3016(1) any fraudulent or

deceltful act committed in the capacity of a contractor; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3011(1)(b)(1) violation of the building laws of the State; one (1) violation of NRS 624.3015(1) acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; two (2) violations of NRS 624.302(6) failure to comply with a written request by the Board. The First, Second, Third, Fifth, Seventh and Eleventh Causes of Action were dismissed. Respondent was assessed a fine of \$1,000.00 for each of the Fourth, Sixth and Eighth Causes of Action; a fine of \$500.00 for the Ninth Cause of Action; a fine of \$1,500.00 for the Tenth Cause of Action for total fines of \$5,000.00 and investigative costs of \$10,951.00. License number 79651, T. L. Townsend Builders, LLC, dba Townco Construction Group was revoked. Respondent is required to make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund plus pay the fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by ALJ Allison at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Mertz, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Margi A. Grein, Executive Officer

Noah Allison, Esq., Administrative Law Judge